A MINISTER TORTURED

Rev. William Tucker was in Agony Many Years.

Says He felt as Though He had been Stabbed by a Thousand Knives. He was Stricken Blind and Feared He Would Lose His Mind. All This in Defiance of the Best Medical!Skill. His Recovery Looked Upon as a Miracle.



REV. WILLIAM TUCKER, PIERCEVILLE, INDIANA.

B. R. TIME-TABLES.

REV. WILLIAM TUCKER, PIERCEVILLE, INDIANA.

It was publicly talked all over Decatur and Epicy countries for some time before the Non-Era sent a reporter to Pierceville to fally investigate the Tucker natter. The Tuckers are prominent people and are all well-to-do farmers. The Eev. William Tucker, subject of all the talk, was pleases to allow us an interview. Mr. Tucker losked well and beathing, although he is seventy-five years old, and forty years ago he began preaching in the faith of the Free Eaptists. This is his story as he told the repourer:

"I was born and reared on a farm and began preaching at an early age. I was always subject to rheumatism, even when quite young. Pains, sharp and acute, would shoot across my hody, causing me much sites and the time from day to day as the years affering.

"Although I much regretted to, I was compelled to retire altogether from my work in the religious cause. The pains would first start from my site of the body and it seemed as though a tho

Portage Lake News

Enthusiasm is Not So Very Much in Evidence.

Regarding Political Affairs

The Salisbury Orchestra Entertain ment This Evening-Other Twin City Happenings

McKinley and Hobart enthusiasmwhere is it? At least that is the impression a person would get from the largely (?) attended McKinley and Hobart club meeting which was not held last Tuesday night. The secretary and township chairman were there and so were two or three others. The president of the temporary organization [Mr. C. A. Wright] was not there; neither were a hundred others. The club "went dry," so to speak. Whether there was a misunderstanding of dates or whether there is an utter lack of party enthusiasm is not difinitely known. One thing is sure, no permanent organization was formed as was proposed and the meeting adjourned without being called to order. Unless something unforeen pops up there will be no club in Hancock this fall. Perhaps the "horse pistols" intend to raise the funds and entertain the sperkers on their "own hooks" this campaign. If so, the "pop guns" are willin'.-Houghton County Progress.

And yet the organizers of this club were in such hast to get agoing that they included the call for it in the call for the public meeting to arrange to receive Hon. T. B. Dunstan on his return from Grand

The Salisbury orchestra, under a new eader, will play at the Onigaming club this evening in concert and for dancing, as first announced. When the news of the rupture between the orchestra and its leader came to the ears of the house committee one of the club members was sent to Marquette to see if arrangements could not be made whereby the many members might not be disappointed in a pleasant evening. Theemissary was successtul, and therefore the club and its invited guests will listen to orchestra music this evening, with dancing for two hours afterward. Miss Gafney, of Negaunee, will be the soloist for the occasion and Mr. H. N. Carlyle will favor the company with Shakespearean selections. Asstated in the News last evening members can take their non-member friends.

Tomorrow the excursion of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will go to Marquette. The ratefor the round trip being only \$1 no doubt a great many will take the trip in. The day will be spent at Presque Isle. The Houghton base ball club will go as far as Ishpeming, where they are scheduled for a game with the local club. It is said that the Isbpeming team has been strengthened and contains some of the old players of league days and therefore if the Houghton boys win it will be a scalp worth bringing home.

It is said to be the intention of the D., S. S. & A. to discontinue the two Sunday trains from Houghton to St. Ignace and vice versa, on account of the stim travel on that day. Instead the regular afternoon trains each way from Houghton to Marquette will be run Sundays. Therefore passengers for the east via the straits cannot leave Sunday mornings and Chicago passengers on Sundays will ave at 2:20 instead of 9 in the morning.

There will be eighteen or twenty men pers of E. R. Stiles Post G. A. R , going to St. Paul to the national encampment Besides, quite a number of Portage Lake people will take in the trip. A special train leaves Houghton a week from tomorrow night at 10 o'clock. All outside the post intending to go are requested to inform A J. Scott that special accommodations on the special train may be made.

One of the pieces that will be played by the Salisbury orchestra this evening will be "The Cavalry Charge," a description of which is as follows:

"Morning of the battle-infantry approaching with iffes and drums.—Cavalry coming nearer and nearer until they charge upon the enemy.—Cavalry, infantry and artiflery in the melee of battle.—Defeat of the enemy.—Cavalry pursuing in the distance."

The state of things at the court house and the various justice officers is a good criterion of the liveliness or duliness of the times. Just at present the county officers are complaining of having lots of time on their hands and as for the justice courts even a garnishee suit is a rarity.

Given Away.

Dry family wood, for cash, at J. S. Stringer's fuel yard, Hancock. Telephone connection. Leave orders at the

The ball game for \$250 a side between the Marquette and Escanaba nines at Union Park, Ishpeming, is an assumed fact, though the date has not yet been

Supreme Court Justice C. B. Grant and Mrs. Grant are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper of the smelting works. Mr. E. T. W. Daume of, Laurium, will

ddress the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon.

First Citizen-I ber your pardon, sir, but I am a stranger in Dublin. Can you direct me to Grafton street? Second ditto—With pleasure. it's the second turn to the right,

First ditto-Thank you, sir. (Walks

POSTAL EVOLUTION.

STORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF

Did you ever see a white brook trout

ful fish, and if his race is to be perpetu

ated, as seems probable, a rare addition

One day when a workman in the state fish hatchery near this city chanced

to see two little trout, pure white and

perfectly formed, darting around among thousands of others at the bottom of the

gravelly tank, he made up his mind he

would see if they could not be kept alive separate from the rest and raised

to mature fishhood. He succeeded better

than he had anticipated, and there are 2,000 progeny of this fruitful pair. The only obstacle which seems to be in the

way of their becoming a popular addi-

tion to the trout streams is their ab

normal shyness, a shyness which seems to amount almost to shamefacedness.

Of course, the average brook trout is one of the cutest of the whole finny tribe

and not overanxious at any time to

show himself, but these white trout are

strangely averse to publicity, so to speak.—St. Paul Letter in Chicago

Almost a Tragedy.

car that was not occupied by a passen-ger, and that was filled by an enormous

bundle, beside which sat a little quiet

looking man reading a copy of The

"I want that seat," remarked the big

man abruptly.

"All right," responded the little
one. "Why don't you take it?"

"Well, take that bundle out of it,

Whereupon the seeker for a seat called

the conductor, who informed the little man that if he did not at once remove

"All right," said he. "Fire away!"

through the door when a man sitting

opposite, just awakening to the situa-

"Oh, I beg pardon, that's my bundle

Then the little one wondered how

much he would have recovered in a

the car, and the big man sat down

half way around his neck. -West Med-

The Town's Crooked Dividing Line.

'There's a reason for this crooked line

You see, some of our towns established

in pioneer times, when land was abun

dant and people were few, had a big ter-

ritory, which was afterward sliced off

was made people along the line of division were of different minds as to

which town they wanted to be in. Se

the legislature drew a straight line be

"There is a reason for most every

tion, looked up and said:

ford Windmill.

Did you want it removed?"

The big man and the conductor seized

were about to push him

The car stopped at Hillside avenue to

There was but one seat in the

Record.

Windmill.

growled the other.

the man in the seat.

will be made to the brooks.

-milk white save for the delicate tra-ceries of his just perceptible spots and for the crimson tipped fins below? It is THE MAIL SERVICE. not likely you ever did, unless you have stood where I stood some time ago and looked down into the fish hatchery rude Methods of Early Ages-Hiblical ponds and tanks, where I saw more than 2,000 of these white trout in one long tank and perhaps 100 larger ones in a grass fringed pond outside of the hatchery walls. The white brook trout is a freak of nature, but a most beauti-ful fish, and if his rare, it to be recreated. References to the Post-Beginning of

and a Chesp System.

It seems almost incredible, in view of the wonderful labyrinth of postal routes all over the world today, that there ever could have been a time when there were no postoffices, no letter carrier, no mail facilities at all.

What Has Become an Almost Perfect

But, of course, there had to be some means of communication even in the arliest ages, though these were confined for centuries to emperors and kings and other great rulers. The emperors of Egypt, of Persia, of Assyria and of Rome held many lesser kings and satraps as their vassals. With these it was nec-essary to communicate with certainty and regularity, and therefore couriers were employed to carry dispatches and reports to and from the more distant provinces.

Of course no one man or one horse could traverse the whole route, so stations were established along the roads at certain intervals, where couriers were always in readiness to relieve weary brothers, and carry on the dispatches with uniform speed. These stations were called "posts," from the Latin word positum—fixed or placed—whence comes the name of our modern postal

In the Old Testament are frequent references to the posts. In II Chronicles allow a big, pompous looking man to you will find, "So the posts went with the letters," and "So the posts passed from city to city." In Esther also and in Job and Jeremiah you will find other allusions to the posts. But they were never for the use of the common people.

The Roman Emperor Augustus was the first to establish a system of posts suggestive of the present system. You have heard the saying, "All roads lead to Rome." This was the origin of it: From Rome as a center post roads were "Guess not," sententionsly remarked built, called "royal highways," extend-ing all over Europe. After the decline of the Roman empire these post roads were abandoned by degrees, and during the dark ages they almost entirely disthe bundle he would be thrown out into appeared.

In the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, however, their need began to be so strongly felt that posts between different parts of the same country were established, and soon these were extended into other countries. These posts were carried first by foot runners and then a little later by men on horseback.

It was not long, though, before the post privilege was extended, and it was found impossible for horseback riders to damage suit if he had been thrown off carry the increasing mail, so wheeled conveyances were provided, and the while his collar wilted and turned over next step was for these conveyances to carry passengers as well as the mail. And thus from the post was evolved the mail coach. What this meant to our

hitherto shut in ancestors it is hard for us of the present day to realize even thing," said a Cumberland county man faintly. But it is safe to say that the evolution of the public post and the mail coach did more than any other one when he was asked how in the world they came to have such a crooked line between two towns in his county. thing to hasten civilization. In the reign of the Emperer Frederick III, Francis von Laxis, whose grand-

father is said to have established a postal service across the Tyrol and Styria, entered the service of the house of Hapsto make new towns. It was so in the case you mention, and when the cut off burg and became the founder of th modern postal system. Through Von Laxis the emperor established regular posts throughout his kingdom between the years 1440 and 1493, and at the be ginning of the sixteenth century the tween the two parts and then provided Austrian post became the international that persons dwelling on lands adjoinpost of the Hapsburg dynasty. ing either side of this line might be in

In France the University of Paris or-ganized a postal service in the thirteenth century which flourished until 1719. In some parts of Europe there were brotherboods and mercantile guilds which established posts and postoffices subject to the government. In England, in 1653, Rowland Hill

started a private post, but Cromwell's beavy hand came down on the enter prise, and the men who carried the leters were trampled down and killed by his soldiers. Later on Mr. Hill came to the front again, instituted many re forms in the service, and at last gave to England a real and effective postal serv ice. Louis XI of France founded a postal system in 1464, which was greatly im proved by Charles IX in 1565.

But it was not alone the Christian nations that felt the need of a posta service. When the Spaniards invaded South America, they found a regular system of posts in operation, so that the news of their landing was carried to the inca with incredible swiftness, the post men being runners, who carried around their waists knotted cords, a code of signals or sign writing.

Coming down to our own country.

suppose we take a peep at the mail methods in vogue in its earlier days. Let us take as a type the postal service between Boston and New York, where, in 1762, a post was established "to go Post riders, starting at the same hour from each end of the route, carried the mails. Leaving on Monday morning, they met and exchanged bag at Saybrook, Conn., on the following Saturday. Then each man returned to his starting point, which, of course,

took nearly another week.

It was Benjamin Franklin that, in 1775, suggested the plan for a postal service on which our present system is founded. In the early days of this sys tem rates were charged that seem outrageous to us of the present day—be tween Boston and New York, 183 cents, and 25 cents for points beyond Of course this led to swindling the gov ernment and the smuggling of letters Private parties carried mail secretly a lower rates, and in 1839 Harnden's ex press entered the field, carrying letters ealed in bundles and other package at less than legal rates.

But as seen as the government low ered its charges all these smugglers drop; dout of the race. There was no mon in it then.—Philadelphia Times

The Largest Described Spake.

Speke, in his parrative of the journe to the source of the Nile, describes th • pest snake that has ever been seen by man. "I shuddered," he says, "as I looked upon the effect of his tremendous dying strength. For yards around wher he lay grass, bushes and saplings—in fact, everything except full grown trees trimmed with an immense scythe. The monster, when measured, was 51 feet 216 inches in extreme length, while around the thickest portions of its body the girth was nearly 3 feet."

Highest of all in Leavening Power .- Latest U. S. Gov't Report,

A LESSON FROM EGYPT.

Showing How That Country Failed to One Cat.

The ancient Ecyptians had a currency based on cats and onions, both of which were sacred objects worshiped by the people. As there was some difficulty in storing the cats, and as the onion was



liable to decay, a circulating medium was provided of papyrus strips, representing a certain number of cats and onions at a ratio of 16 to 1 This was a true double standard system and is believed to have been the origin of modern paper currency. For a time the catonion money circulated at par, but the historian Faque Hur records that about 963 B. C. a serious difficulty arose. New colonies had been established in the region of the upper Nile, and the savage Nubians had been taught the art of agriculture. The rich, black soil of the valley which they inhabited was especially suited to the growth of onions, and the production of those perfumed bulbs was soon enormously in crossed. Meanwhile the cat crop had result was that, with the demand for sacred animals in the new colonies, at least 30 onions would be given for one cat. This brough the papyrus currency into disfavor, and the ruling pharach, Ram Bunkshus III, issued a royal order that cats should be the sole standard of value, and that onions should be issued only to the extent that they could be kept at par with the "caterwanlers," as the unit of value was termed.

This did not suit the onion growers who at once started an agitation for the free and unlimited coinage of all cnions at the good old ratio of their daddies. After passing 3, 187, 642 resolutions deonionites marched in a body to the palsee of their Pharach and demanded that Bunkshus listened to them patiently and answered: "Great, no doubt, was the wisdom of our ancestors. But I am in the wisdom business myself to some extent. When the ratio of 16 to 1 was dition. adopted, that was the true ratio of the cats and onions. Now, owing to a great ratio is 30 to 1. All powerful as I am. 1 cannot make onions worth more than their market value. The present standard stays. As for you, O foolish enionites, your leaders shall feed the species crocodiles. The rest of you will return to your farms and hustle. I have re

Thus ended the first and only currency agitation in Egypt.—Whidder Graham in Puck.

Government Ownership of Silver Mines Why is it that both the Populists are the Democrats failed to put a plank in their platforms demanding that the government own and control the silver mines of this country, so that the profit which would be made from free coinage would go to our government and thus people? Why should this profit go to a few individuals who own the silver mines and who are already enormously rich? Is not this building up one of the most dangerous trusts that the country has ever seen?

Think of a few men having under their control all the silver of this coun try and the government compelled to turn it into dollars as fast as they produce it! Suppose that these silver men combine to shut down work on their stringency in the money market, then open them again when they want to make money abundant. Would not this put the whole business of the country at

Conditions Prior to 1873.

Some of the free coinage men still say that all they want is to "restore the conditions that existed prior to 1873. In 1873 the total world's production of silver was 61,100,000 ounces and the silver in a dollar was worth \$1.04 in gold. Last year the world's product of silver was 165,000,000 ounces and the silver in a dollar was worth only 50 7-10 cents. Will the silver miners restore the production of 1873 as the first step toward "restoring the condi-

An Eminent Bimetallist's Opinion. Professor Edouard Suess, the leading bimetallist of Austria, states briefly bu with great force the objections to free coinage by this country alone. The re-sult would be, he says, "the loss of all your (our) gold, and the obligation to buy in England the gold necessary to meet your (our) obligations in foreign tion alone is too weak to take such a step, which must lead to a financial and perhaps an economical crisis."

If the fact that some farmers are poor is used to justify the confiscation of the property of creditors, would not the poverty of the Coxey armies of tramps and unemployed workers justify them in demanding a share of the property owned by the farmers?

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From the Irish.

Second ditto (calling after him)—Hit If you're a left handed man it's the other way entirely.—London Globe.

other, and the line was all skewed up to accommodate them." - Lewiston

decide within 90 days after passing the

act. Some went one way and some the

Journal. There are some people who will not believe the following story of a horse which takes the end of a hose pipe in his mouth and holds it there until his thirst is quenched, but it is said to be a fact horse is owned by F. S. Brown of Ansonia, Conn., and the horse is stabled at Curtis' livery barn. It was sev eral days ago that one of the stablemen, while fooling with him, offered him the end of the hose pipe, through which the water was flowing, and, to his surprise, the horse took it in his mouth and held it there until he had a good drink. The next time the horse was led to trough he of his own accord took hold of the pipe and succeeded in getting the end in his mouth and had a good

drink and continues to do so day after

lay. -Boston Herald. The New Woman. Chloroform and ammonia killed a cent ped and saved a cat at Springfield the other day. The centipod dropped from a bunch of bananas upon the cat and at once buried its poisonous fangs in the animal's leg. Its mistress, with rare presence of mind, fropped chloroform on the insec-which succumbed, and then she applied ammonia to the cat's leg. It was a tr' umph of presence of mind, apparently.

Customer—What do you mean by selling me that stuff you called hair restors and telling me it would restore my hear to its original condition?

Chemist—Didn't you like it?
Customer—No, I didn't. If I had kept
on much longer, I should have been evtirely hald. Original condition, indeed.
Chemist—Most people are born bald, sir.
That is the original condition

For Your Bird. Cage birds, especially parrots, often in-jure themselves by biting and pulling at their tail feathers. A correspondent of a foreign paper offers the information that this habit may be overcome by suspending an old ribbon or neektic in the cage close to the perch. She says that a string of old spools will give the bird much pleasure, chervation leading her to believe that the biting comes from what would be called in human beings nervousness arising from

sek of something to do. Wallace—Do you believe in signs?
Ferry—Some. When you see a woman driving south and looking east, it is a pretty sure sign that she means to turn to the west at the first corner.—Cincinnation

of 29 and 30 days alternately. Three times in eight years a mouth was added t make up the deficiency. In the opinion of the world, marriage ends all, as it does in a comedy. The truth is precisely the reverse; it begin all.—Mme. Swetchina.

The Greek year consisted of 12 month